

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 11-15 as follows:

A distinct advantage of using the porous sheets formed by the wet-lay process is the ability to enhance the level of graphite relative to that in the initial porous sheet. For example, graphite powder can be doctor bladed onto the surface of the sheets forcing it into the porous regions. Additional levels of graphite on the order of 35 wt% can be added.

Amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 6-10 as follows:

While Figure 1 shows that the porous composite sheets are stacked in the mold and consolidated and formed at the same time, it may be advantageous to consolidate the sheets first. The consolidated sheets then can be cut to size to form a blend which can be heated and then compression molded to form a bipolar plate.